

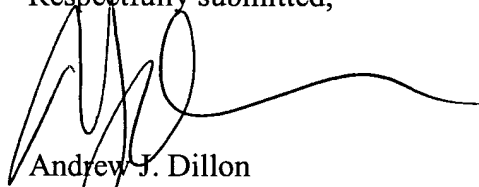
verbiage has been corrected by that Amendment. Withdrawal of the Examiner's objection to the Abstract is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1-6, 9-18 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fichou et al.*, United States Patent No. 5,790,522 in view of *Diaz et al.*, United Patent No. 5,809,021. That rejection, insofar as it might be applied to the claims as amended herein, are respectfully traversed.

As amended herein, 1, 13 and 25 have been amended to incorporate the feature previously set forth within claims 7 and 19, which were objected to by the Examiner and, presumably, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all features of the base claim and any independent claims. By the amendment to claims 1, 13, and by extension claim 25, Applicant urges that the claims now contain allowable subject matter and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6, 8-18 and 20-25 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and passage of this application at issue is therefore respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, in the event any additional fees are required, please charge IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

Respectfully submitted,

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